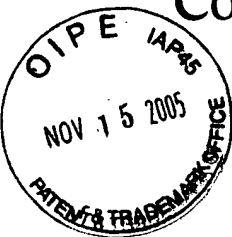


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**SYSTEM**  
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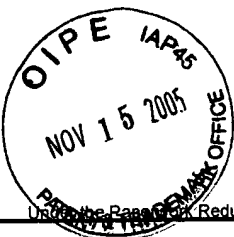
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Failure to Acceptably Respond to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 7, 2005, Applicant encloses herewith the required corrected section of the Amendment and Response filed October 12, 2005, constituting pages 2-6 of the previously filed Amendment and Response.

No fee is required for the present Response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to deposit account number 03-2469.

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